



SENIOR & LONG TERM CARE DIVISION COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU

HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED WAIVER Policy Manual

Section: SERVICES

**Subject: Personal Emergency Response
System**

References: ARM: 37.40.1486

DEFINITION

The personal emergency response system (PERS) is an electronic, telephonic or mechanical system used to summon assistance in an emergency situation. The system alerts medical professionals, support staff or other designated individuals to respond to a member's emergency request.

SERVICE REQUIREMENT

PERS must be connected to the member's phone and programmed to signal a response center once a "help" button is activated. The response center must be staffed by trained professionals and must have the capacity to activate emergency medical personnel.

SERVICE LIMITATIONS

Reimbursement is not available for the purchase, installation or routine monthly charges of a telephone under this service. For reimbursement for Wanderguards refer to HCBS 733. Refer to HCBS 728 for PERS policy in an adult residential setting.